

# The Feldman Chronicle

A newsletter for Feldman's Neighborhood Association (FNA)  
*Bounded by Stone, Lee, Park, and Speedway -- It's where we all live.*

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## Feldman's Neighborhood Meetings

All are welcome to meetings on the first Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 PM and ending promptly at 8:00. Meetings are held at the Chapel of St. Luke's Home, SW corner of N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Lee Street. Upcoming meetings will be 6/2 and 8/4. Please note **there is no meeting in July.**

## Final Results of the Neighborhood Survey

In April, our neighborhood voted to support continued sidewalk construction. The final vote tally was:

- 1) Do you agree that our neighborhood should install sidewalks on the north and east sides of each street? Result: 64 yes, 7 no, 0 abstain.
- 2) Do you agree that, if funding is limited, our neighborhood should first install sidewalks on

Fourth Avenue, Drachman Street, and First Avenue? Result: 60 yes, 10 no, 1 abstain.

Many responses included suggestions for other improvements. Your suggestions will be used in developing a master plan for the neighborhood. In future newsletters, we will discuss steps you and FNA can take to implement your suggestions.

## And Now . . . Another Survey

Feldman's Neighborhood works to make our entire city – not just our neighborhood – a better place. One of the ways we do this is by participating in the Community Futures Demonstration Project of the UA's Drachman Institute. Please complete and return the enclosed survey from the Drachman Institute. **Your completed survey helps our neighborhood obtain future improvements!**

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# NEIGHBORHOOD FEEDBACK

## COMMUNITY FUTURES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Attention Neighbors! Your help is needed. In order to develop a better understanding of our neighborhood's housing goals, the Drachman Institute and Feldman's Neighborhood Association request that you complete the survey on the opposite page. Keep in mind that your completed survey helps Feldman's Neighborhood obtain grant funding for future neighborhood improvements.

Before completing the survey, please read the following summary of the Community Futures Demonstration Project analysis of Feldman's Neighborhood. The full presentation can be viewed online at <http://www.copcaz.org>. Click on Central Area Neighborhoods.

- A. The Community Futures Demonstration Project seeks to facilitate the development of innovative new housing in the Empowerment Zone. Although only part of Feldman's Neighborhood is in the Empowerment zone, the Drachman Institute has prepared an analysis of the census data and the housing stock in the entire neighborhood.
- B. Feldman's Neighborhood differs from the rest of the EZ and the city as a whole in the following ways:
  - Higher percentage of Caucasians
  - Lower percentage of people under age 18 (about 10%)
  - Lower percentage of people over age 65 (about 5%)
  - Smaller household size (average 1.86 persons)
  - Lower rate of owner-occupancy of housing (23%)
  - Lower housing vacancy rate
- C. Based on a "windshield survey" that only takes the exterior appearance into account, the housing stock in Feldman's is:
  - 19.78% in excellent condition
  - 45.61% in good condition
  - 26.1% in fair condition
  - 7.51% in poor condition
  - 0.64% in condition such that the cost of repair exceeds the cost of replacing the structure
- D. We were given an opportunity to express our concerns, which included:
  - Mini dorms, and related problems of noise, crime, and congested on-street parking
  - Ugly, boxlike infill
  - Two-storey structures that overlook yards of single-family dwellings, with resulting loss of privacy
  - Pseudo-subdivisions owned by Mike Goodman and Dean Saxton
  - Inability to obtain historic preservation zoning

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1. What do you think are the 3 most important issues in our neighborhood?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you think are the 3 most important needs for housing in our neighborhood?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you live in Feldman's neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes If yes, do you: \_\_\_\_ rent or \_\_\_\_ own your home?

4. Do you work in Feldman's neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes

5. Do you own a business in Feldman's neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes If yes, do you: \_\_\_\_ rent or \_\_\_\_ own your business property?

6. Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this survey no later than June 30. You may mail the survey or drop it off at 1309 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719-4004. You may also submit the survey electronically to [paruni@dakotacom.net](mailto:paruni@dakotacom.net)  
*Thanks for caring about our neighborhood!*

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